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In re Patent Application of:

Kazuo Okada

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Filed: October 31, 2003

Art Unit: 3713

For: GAMING MACHINE

Examiner: M. W. O'Neill

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the final Office Action dated February 10, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 02082005), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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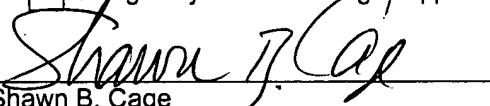
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